

Amendments In the Claims

Please amend Claims 1, 5, 9, 16, 23 and 30 as follows:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method comprising:
obtaining a request to provide a requested service, wherein
the request conforms to a request format defined in a first language;
selecting a first device of a plurality of devices to provide the requested service, wherein
each of the plurality of devices is configured to provide a corresponding service,
and
said selecting is performed in response to said obtaining the request; and
converting the request to a second request, wherein
the second request conforms to a request format defined in a second language, and
the first device is configured to provide the requested service in response to
receiving the second request.
2. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 1 further comprising:
directing the second request to the first device.
3. **(Original)** The method of claim 2 wherein
the first language is a markup language;
the second language is a device-specific language of a plurality of device-specific
languages, wherein
each of the plurality of devices communicates using one of the plurality of device-
specific languages.
4. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 2 wherein the request
formats comprise:
at least one instruction, and
data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.
5. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 4 further comprising:
specifying use of a specific feature of the first device, wherein

said specifying use of the specific ~~a specify~~ feature comprises specifying an optional variable and providing a value for the optional variable, and said converting the request to the second request comprises including the optional variable in the at least one instruction of the second request, and including the value for the optional variable in the data of the second request.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2 further comprising: sending a response to the request.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6 wherein the response conforms to a response format defined in the first language.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7 wherein the response format comprises:
at least one instruction; and
data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

9. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
obtaining means for obtaining a request to provide a requested service, wherein the request conforms to a request format defined in a first language;
selecting means for selecting a first device of a plurality of devices to provide the requested service, wherein each of the plurality of devices is configured to provide a corresponding service,
and
the selecting means performs said selecting in response to said obtaining means obtaining the request; and
converting means for converting the request to a second request, wherein the second request conforms to a request format defined in a second language, and the first device is configured to provide the requested service in response to receiving the second request.

10. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 9 further comprising:
directing means for directing the second request to the first device.

11. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 10 wherein the request
formats comprise:
at least one instruction, and
data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

12. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11 further comprising:
first including means for including an optional variable in the at least one instruction of
the second request; and
second including means for including a value of the optional variable in the data of the
second request, wherein
the optional variable and the value specify use of a specific feature of the first
device.

13. (Original) The system of claim 10 further comprising:
sending means for sending a response to the request.

14. (Original) The system of claim 13 wherein
the response conforms to a response format defined in the first language.

15. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14 wherein the response
format comprises:
at least one instruction; and
data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

16. **(Currently Amended)** A computer-readable medium comprising:
obtaining instructions to obtain a request to provide a requested service, wherein
the request conforms to a request format defined in a first language;
selecting instructions to select a first device of a plurality of devices to provide the
requested service, wherein

each of the plurality of devices is configured to provide a corresponding service,
and
the selecting instructions are responsive to the obtaining instructions; and
converting instructions to convert the request to a second request in a request format
defined in a second language, wherein
the second request conforms to a second language, and
the first device is configured to provide the requested service in response to
receiving the second request.

17. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 16
further comprising:
directing instructions to direct the second request to the first device.

18. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 17,
wherein the request formats comprise:
at least one instruction, and
data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

19. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 18
further comprising:
first including instructions to include an optional variable in the at least one instruction of
the second request; and
second including instructions to include a value of the optional variable in the data of the
second request, wherein
the optional variable and the value specify use of a specific feature of the first
device.

20. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 17 further
comprising:
sending instructions for sending a response to the request.

21. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 20 wherein
the response conforms to a response format defined in the first language.

22. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 21

wherein the response format comprises:

at least one instruction; and

data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

23. (Currently Amended) A computer system comprising:

a processor configured to execute instructions;

a plurality of devices directly coupled to the computer system, wherein

each device is configured to perform a corresponding service; and

a memory, coupled to the processor, and configured to store the instructions, wherein the instructions comprise

obtaining instructions to obtain a request to provide a service, wherein

the request conforms to a request format defined in a first language, and

at least one device of the plurality of devices provides the service;

identifying instructions to identify a first device of the at least one device to provide the service, wherein

the identifying instructions are responsive to the obtaining instructions obtaining the request; and

converting instructions to convert the request to a second request in a second language, wherein

the second request conforms to a request format defined in a second language, and

the first device is configured to provide the service in response to receiving the second request.

24. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 23 wherein the

instructions further comprise:

directing instructions to direct the second request to the first device.

25. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 24 wherein the request format comprises
at least one instruction, and
data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

26. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 25 wherein the instructions further comprise:
first including instructions to include an optional variable in the at least one instruction of
the second request; and
second including instructions to include a value of the optional variable in the data of the
second request, wherein
the optional variable and the value specify use of a specific feature of the first
device.

27. (Original) The computer system of claim 24 wherein the instructions further comprise:
sending instructions for sending a response to the request.

28. (Original) The computer system of claim 27 wherein
the response conforms to a response format defined in the first language.

29. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 28 wherein
the response format comprises:
at least one instruction; and
data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

30. **(Currently Amended)** A system comprising:
an obtaining module configured to obtain a request to provide a service, wherein
the request conforms to a request format defined in a first language,
at least one device of a plurality of devices is configured to provide the service,
and
the plurality of devices is directly coupled to the system;

an identifying module configured to identify a first device of the at least one device to provide the service, wherein
the identifying module is responsive to the obtaining module obtaining the request; and
a converting module configured to convert the request to a second request in a second language, wherein
the second request conforms to a request format defined in a second language, and
the first device is configured to provide the service in response to receiving the second request.

31. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 30 further comprising:
a directing module to direct the second request to the first device.

32. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 31 wherein
the request formats comprise:
at least one instruction; and
data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

33. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 32 further comprising:
a first including module to include an optional variable in the at least one instruction of the second request; and
a second including module to include a value of the optional variable in the data of the second request, wherein
the optional variable and the value specify use of a specific feature of the first device.

34. (Original) The system of claim 31 further comprising:
a sending module for sending a response to the request.

35. (Original) The system of claim 34 wherein
the response conforms to a response format defined in the first language.

36. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 35 wherein the response format comprises:
at least one instruction; and
data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

37. (Previously Presented) An application programming interface comprising:
a request definition for a first command to provide a request for a requested service,
wherein
the request conforms to a request format defined in a first language,
the request format is specified in the request definition,
a plurality of devices are each configured to provide a corresponding service,
one device of the plurality of devices is selected to provide the requested service
in response to the first command,
the request is converted to a second request,
the second request conforms to a request format defined in a second language, and
the one device is configured to provide the requested service in response to
receiving the second request.

38. (Original) The application programming interface of claim 37 further comprising:
a response definition for a response format in which a response to the request is provided.

39. (Previously Presented) The application programming interface of claim 37 further comprising:
an initialization definition for a second command to initialize prior to providing the
request for the requested service.